

**MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTICELLO
MONDAY, MAY 19, 2008**

The regular meeting of the Common Council, City of Monticello, Indiana was held on Monday, March 17, 2008 at 6:00 pm. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jason Thompson and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call by Clerk Treasurer Liz Oilar was answered by Mayor Jason Thompson, Councilpersons Dave Kelly, Jim Mann, Grace Oilar, Bill Smith, and Eric Storm, and City Attorney George Loy.

There being no additions, deletions, or corrections to the minutes of the meeting of May 5, 2008, a motion was made by Councilperson Grace Oilar, and seconded by Councilperson Bill Smith, to approve the minutes as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Citizen Participation

Barbara Callan stated that she is a citizen of Monticello and has lived here for 21 years. She lived at 707 Bluewater Drive and had a rental unit at 707 ½ Bluewater Drive, which were all in the flood. She has recently purchased a new home at 521 N. Illinios Street. When she went to pay her final bill, on her Bluewater property, the original deposit was put against that bill. She went to have the water turned on for her new home, and she had to pay a water rent deposit of \$150.00. She feels that \$150.00 is an exorbitant amount of money to pay. If she had known she would pay this new fee, she would have left her original deposit in place, as it would have transferred. She admits this could have been explained to her and she was much too distressed to understand at the time of the flood. She stated that the Water Utility Clerks have been very nice and competent. Mayor Thompson explained that this is a policy we have in place with the city. Water Superintendent Rod Pool explained that deposits are used when customers do not pay their final bills, usually renters. \$150.00 covers the last month and current month final bill. Councilperson Jim Mann explained that any major rule bending would present an even greater challenge to the city. He apologized for her frustration, but did not see how we could make any changes. She thanked the Council for allowing her to speak with them and understands the need for rules.

Department Head Reports

Mayor Thompson asked the Department Heads if there was anything they needed. He would like to save time due to the IACT discussion at the end of the meeting.

Amendment of Monticello's Personnel Policy Handbook Regarding Family & Medical Leave Act (FMLA)

City Attorney George Loy stated that we have received notice that President Bush has made affective an amendment to the federally mandated Family Medical Leave Act. It provides for mandatory FML whenever an employee of any municipality is required to

render to any spouse, son, daughter, parent, or next of kin, care for such person if injured in the armed forces. This is mandatory and will be part of our personnel policy. It is unpaid leave. Councilperson Grace Oilar made the motion to approve the amendment of Monticello's personnel policy handbook regarding FMLA, seconded by Councilperson Bill Smith. All ayes, motion carried.

Request for Commercial Driveway Entrance Permit

Street Superintendent Doug Roberts stated that he had given the Council a copy of this request. This is for Dr. Robertson's property on South Main Street. Their plan is to put in parking. They want to enter from Main Street and egress onto Tioga Road. They will be crossing the property that was originally the Railroad's right away. They will install pipe for drainage. Doug does not see a problem with their plan at this time. If there is ever to be a trail from the Park's Department, they are willing to let it pass through their driveway. All curbcuts on city streets and commercial entryways require Council approval. They are going by our city specs. They would also like one day to add on to the practice for their residence. At this time they are not part of the sewer system, but this could become an issue later. Councilperson Jim Mann stated that he had spoken with the Robertson's and also did not see any problem with their plan. He made the motion to approve the request for the commercial driveway entrance permit, seconded by Councilperson Grace Oilar. All ayes, motion carried.

Consideration of Reimbursement Agreement for South Sixth Street American Structure Point Contract

City Attorney George Loy explained to the Council that the Sixth Street project includes Phase 6. There is a portion of Phase 6 that the City is responsible for property acquisition and engineering services. Phase 6 is basically Sixth Street from Ohio to 24, and also a westward extension of Ohio Street. We need engineering services and American Structure Point is in a position to provide those services. One Indot approved approach is to piggyback onto the existing County contract. The County has agreed to this as long as the City pays the fees attributed to their services. Resolution 2008-7 agrees to pay for the cost of this portion of the County contract which is the City's portion to shoulder anyway. Joe Grinstadt, American Structure Point, stated that their plan is to pick up the design plans as they are and progress them to 100% completion. Councilperson Bill Smith made the motion to approve Resolution 2008-7, seconded by Councilperson Jim Mann. All ayes, motion carried.

IAC – Discussion of House Bill 1001

Mayor Thompson felt it would be a good idea to have someone from IACT come to our Council meeting and explain the new House Bill 1001. Megan Miller, IACT, graciously came to speak with everyone. She informed the Council on the property tax reform recently passed, and provided a power point presentation about House Bill 1001. House Bill 1001 is about 800 pages long. She handed out information packets to the Council and those attending the meeting, and made herself available for any questions. On behalf of the City of Monticello, Mayor Thompson thanked Megan for coming and speaking with the Council.

Accounts Payable

Councilperson Bill Smith made the motion to approve the accounts payable as presented, seconded by Councilperson Grace Oilar. All ayes, motion carried.

Miscellaneous and All Other Matter

Councilperson Jim Mann stated that he had received a copy of Twin Lakes Canvas's proposal for the drive-up window awning. It would be 14ft x 4 x4 with heavy duty frame and fabric. Cost would be \$1374.00. This awning will go right up next to the building and ice build up should not be a problem. Jim will give information to the Board of Works and Council for consideration.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned 7:22 p.m.

Liz Oilar
Clerk Treasurer